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Thanksgiving and Prayer

[Ephesians 1:15-22](#)

“For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.”

The true Christian loves Christ and loves his neighbors. More than that, the true Christian knows that he cannot show his love to Christ in any other way than by showing his love to other people.

In this scripture, we are taught to grow deeper and deeper into the knowledge of the eternal truth. In order to do that, we should be thinking people.

We have to think our way to God, to keep our thoughts on God.

We also have to be a teaching people. We must teach about God to all those we come in contact with.

Christian growth in knowledge and grace is essential. You should always study the Word and live the Word in daily interactions. To be a good Christian, your life should be described as getting to know God better every day.

The only way to know something or someone is to study every detail as much as possible. If you wanted to become a doctor, you would study and train for the rest of your life. The same is true for any Christian. You want to do the will of God, thus studying the Word and knowing it in your heart and mind.

Our world is in chaos right now with racial tensions, political unrest, and human beings in the same nation, state, and community that are at odds with each other. Loving our neighbors is God’s will for us.

Prayer: *Lord, I pray that we can keep our hearts and minds on your will and show we are Christians by our actions. Amen.*

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